

July 2, 2026

UPDATE ON NNG IMMEDIATE DIGS PROJECT AT BAD RIVER



Mashkiizibii Natural Resources Department

PREVIOUS PROJECT STATUS: JANUARY - May 8, 2026

- In early 2026, Northern Natural Gas (NNG) received permits/approvals to begin work on three anomaly inspection/repair digs located west of Pine Flats Road.
 - Two immediate digs (Dig 105 and Dig 106)
 - One non-immediate dig (Dig 41990-41992) that is being conducted due to proximity to Dig 105.
- NNG finished the anomaly inspection and repair at Dig 106 (just west of Pine Flats Rd) and initiated restoration of the area by removing project-related material and planting an MNRD approved seed mix.
- NNG began prepping the access route off of Falls Road to Dig 105 and Dig 41990-41992 (timber matting, tree clearing) and began preparations for steep slope winching activity.
- Due to warm weather, NNG exposed bare ground while winching material down the west hill on March 5, 2026.
- MNRD met with NNG multiple times in late March - early April to review the scope change for the six steep slopes along the access route. Work at the project site was suspended until NNG's changes to the scope of work were approved by MNRD, and site conditions were suitable to minimize slope disturbance. Permit amendments issued May 27 allowed NNG to commence work again with additional conditions, including pre-construction monitoring.

PROJECT WORK COMPLETED BETWEEN MAY 5 and June 30, 2026

- On June 4, 2026, NNG installed a game camera along the Dig-105 access route facing the west hill and resumed construction activity on June 8, 2026.
- On June 15, 2026, NNG began collecting water quality data at four different test locations located at the base of slopes 1 and 2. The data collected include: turbidity, pH, specific conductivity and temperature. Between June 15th and June 24th data was collected at a minimum of one time per day and maximum of four times per day.
- NNG has achieved between 50 and 90 percent vegetation density at the Dig-106 and Dig-401 sites as of June 20, 2026.

